

Independent Living Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Wayne Marsh, Chairperson; Patti Addison, Vice Chair; Ellen Sullivan; Ken Rolph; Carol Miller; Suzanne Howell; Carol King-Ries; August Hazuer; Chantel Jackson; Lynn Schneider; Darryl Garner; DVI: Melodye May; Debbie Harrington; Jill Morrison; Alice Johnson. Absent members: Kat Bottner; Jessica Welch; Bill Barnett.

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 by Chair Wayne. Roll call of the room was given.

REPORTS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT-Deputy Director Harrington

- DIB has been selling promotional items that was in stock
- The DIB equipment is the property of the state.
- BEP have secure various food trucks on the campus
- There are healthy options on the trucks
- This endeavor was started by the Secretary
- 10% of the profit will go to the BEP program

ILS REPORT –Melodye May Administrator

IL – 119 consumers, last year 117

The State Independent Living Council Meeting was held at BlindSight Delaware on August 28th. Pat Maichle from the Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council gave a presentation regarding possible funding changes listed on the president's new budget for FY 18. In summary,

“The Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 President's Budget restructures activities carried out by the State Councils on Developmental Disabilities, Independent Living and Traumatic Brain Injury programs into a single state grant program. The Partnerships for Innovation, Inclusion, and Independence (PIII) will combine these activities into a single statewide, cross-disability entity.

Specifically, three existing programs would be impacted by this proposal:

- State Councils on Developmental Disabilities;

- Independent Living Services state grants that in part support Statewide Independent Living Councils, and
- State Advisory Boards on Traumatic Brain Injury which support TBI State Implementation Partnership Grants.”

As a portion of DVI’s independent living services program is funded by Part B funds, the elimination of this grant would negatively impact the program and have a detrimental effect on agency consumers between the ages of 18-54.

Ms. Maichle suggested that agencies educate their consumers about the proposed funding changes so that they can inform their congressmen on how the program benefited their lives. They can send personal stories of gained independence through the services received in the form of letters, emails, pictures or videos.

Caregiving Program Partnership with Blind Sight

The Division for the Visually Impaired and Blind Sight Delaware are partnering to create a caregiving group/resource for consumers and their families. Patricia Addison proposed to hold sessions twice a month, in the evening and daytime, to accommodate a variety of schedules. Speakers will also be invited to present on topics relevant to caregivers and their families. The sessions are tentatively scheduled to begin in October.

Activities

- Summer Academy
- Bell Academy

Outreach

- Trap Pond Health Fair
- Fall Prevention Workshop
- Advisory Groups Workshop
- Stonegates
- Cokesbury Village

OLD BUSINESS

- Location of meetings discussion
- Debbie Harrington stated that it was mandatory to have a video conference available.
- Patti Addison stated that Blindsight is available for the meetings.

- Patti Also explained that I would address the addition of conference calling for the room.

NEW BUSINESS

- Encourage others to join and attend the ILAC meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business Wayne called for a motion to adjourn.
- Motion made by Patti Addison and 2nd by Suzanne Howell

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.